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A NEW THRUSH FROM THE PROVINCE OF
KWEICHOW, CHINA.

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The National Geographic Society during the past year has presented the U. S. National Museum with the material accumulated by Mr. F. R. Wulsin on his journeys in China and the Laos States. Among the birds were three specimens of the genus *Turdus*, quite different, so far as known, from any of the mainland forms. They are from Hwangtsaopo (also given as Singyi in the China Inland Mission Atlas, 2nd edition), a district city, just over the border in Kweichow Province near the Yunnan-Kwangsi boundary. These specimens were taken September 5-10, which would suggest a probability of their being on migration, as eastern Yunnan has been fairly well worked ornithologically in recent years and birds of this genus in the tropics or sub-tropical regions are mountain forms.

It gives me great pleasure to name this fine species after its discoverer:

***Turdus wulsini*, sp. nov.**

Type, adult male, U. S. National Museum, No. 305,466, Hwangtsaopo, Kweichow, China, September 10, 1924. Collected by F. R. Wulsin (original No. 2142).

Head all around, neck, chin, and throat, fuscous, darker on the pileum and much lighter on the throat; remainder of upper-parts, sooty black; lower-parts sooty black, tinged with a slight brownish wash; thighs, drab; upper mandible, dusky; lower mandible, dusky at the base, yellowish toward the tip; feet blackish (in the skin). Wing, 142; tail, 107; culmen, 26; tarsus, 36; middle-toe, 23.5 mm.

Female.—Similar to the male, but the head concolor with the back and the lower-parts with more of a brownish tinge; bill and tarsi, blackish.

Remarks.—A young male has the top of the head and hind-neck drab; sides of the face, chin, and throat white, with sparse drab spots; ear-

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coverts drab with white shaft-streaks; remainder of the plumage like the adult female but more tinged with brownish below.

The present species has a superficial resemblance in color to *Turdus thomassoni* of the mountains of Luzon, but the brown of the pileum is darker, the black more sooty, the thighs drab, the size is considerably greater, and the bill and feet are dusky, not yellow.

Turdus thomassoni is somewhat aberrant. Two young birds in the U. S. National Museum barely able to fly, are uniformly black, unspotted, only a few feathers on the belly being fringed with brownish. Thus it would appear as if the spotted character of the immature is not even of generic value, or the species is wrongly placed.

The immature *Turdus wulsini* described above, superficially somewhat resembles *Microscelis leucocephalus*.